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Good Roads.

What is the condition of the roads in your county? Millions are spent in road building with little effect, and yet it is difficult to estimate the cost of bad roads. Because you do not pay the cost directly, as you would at a toll-gate, you do not take it into account, but if your roads are so bad that you take half a load to town instead of a whole load, you are adding to the cost of your crop.

The cost of the crop does not end when you have harvested it. You have got to store it and you have got to get it to market, and it is the price of the market that you receive, less what it costs you to get it there.

If it costs you 5 cents a bushel to get your corn to market, and it costs your neighbor 1 cent a bushel, your merchant is not going to pay you any more than he pays your neighbor or the man on the other side of town.

Road building is more thoroughly understood every year. There is less excuse therefore for bad roads. Each community has to determine first what materials exist there which they can use. Then they must use that material to the very best advantage.

If you do not believe that good roads make all the difference in the world between unsuccessful and successful farming, go into a community where the roads are good and you will see that all of life is transformed. Driving is a pleasure, even when you are hauling your crops to town or hauling back home your supplies. In every community you ought to have a good roads association. You ought to send to the Department of Agriculture for pamphlets on road building. You ought to consult some one who knows something about engineering, then you ought to talk with the county authorities and see that the money spent for road building is spent well and not wasted.

Montgomery County Franchise. The Sheriff of Montgomery county is advertising the sale of a telephone franchise in that county. The rates are not to be more than \$1 65 cents per month for any phone in the county no matter how far out from Mt. Sterling. The company puts up \$5,000 bond for any damage the county may sustain; work must begin within six months and be ready for complete service in eighteen months. Not more than four phones can be on any one party line, and the franchise is to run for twenty years. In this franchise the people's interests are protected as well as in any franchise the Times ever saw offered, and the Fiscal Court of Montgomery county is to be congratulated for their careful consideration of the people's public utilities.

Call for Convention.

The Democrats of Powell county will assemble at the courthouse in Stanton, Ky., at 1 o'clock p. m. on Saturday, Aug. 6th, 1910, for the purpose of selecting, and, if desired, instructing delegates to attend the District Convention to be held at Mt. Sterling, Ky. at 1:30 o'clock p. m. on Tuesday, Aug. 9th, 1910 for the purpose of selecting a Democratic candidate for Congress to be voted for in the Tenth Congressional District at the November election, 1910. J. H. O'Rear, Ch'm Powell Co. Dem. Ex. Com.

Lightning Strikes Church.

Lightning struck a Baptist church in Bourbon county near Leesburg Sunday morning at the conclusion of the services. The pulpit was split in twain, the shoes and stockings of one young lady were torn from her feet and her clothing took fire as did the dress of another lady, but was quickly extinguished. A horse hitched to a wire in front of the church was killed. Prompt work saved the church building from burning. Elder T. C. Stackhouse, who is well known to many of our readers, was the minister and was pronouncing the benediction when the lightning came.

The blackberry crop which is two weeks late this time, is also a short one.

See advertisement of Hardwick and Company.

Lost—Store door key. Kindly return to this office.

To Evade Bank Failures.

There has been five bank failure in State banks since the adjournment of the Legislature last spring. It will be remembered that this Legislature passed a law requiring stringent examinations such as are required by the Federal Government, but this important law was foiled by Gov. Willson's veto. But Dr. Ben L. Bruner is going to inspect the banks under the present laws and believes the courts will uphold him in his efforts to save the depositors.

There are as many good State banks as National banks and Dr. Bruner has called upon them to aid in the inspection and asks them to bear the expense which he says will revert to their profit.

Dr. Bruner declares that in the future he will not grant to any bankers a charter for a bank in any town unless he thinks the town is able to support a bank and the men behind the new bank are real bankers, going into a legitimate business. Dr. Bruner says that no professional banker or wildcatter can get a charter from him in the future without going to court. He says he is going to stop the practice of establishing banks without the idea of running them, except for a short time.

Condition Serious.

Mrs. Hattie Elkin, of Ford, is suffering from a dislocated knee cap. It has had to be reset two or more times which has occasioned the development of a more serious case, and she has had to be removed to the hospital where her condition is pronounced to be of a serious nature. Mr. and Mrs. Elkin are former residents of this city.

The Faithful Congressional Record.

Congress has adjourned, yet the Congressional Record appears every morning with the regularity of a daily newspaper. It is loaded with campaign speeches which have never been delivered, but which are printed under the liberal "leave to print" rule. These speeches will be printed by the hundreds of thousands and sent broadcast over the country at public expense.

\$4 00 Per Capita.

The school fund this year has been fixed at \$4 00 per scholar the same as last year. There is in the State an increase of over four thousand in white pupils while there are only six more negro children than last year. There is a decided decrease in negro children in the country districts, the increase being altogether in the cities.

John Kirk sustained a very painful injury Tuesday while lifting a barrel and has since been confined to his home where he has had to receive medical treatment.

See advertisement of Hardwick and Company.

Law Misconstrued.

Now that the law making indeterminate sentences take the place of the fixed sentence is effective, there seems to be a general misconception of the effect and also of the operation of the act. The general opinion seems to be that the trial Judge determines the sentence and must impose what he believes to be a fair and just penalty. Such is not the case. The law fixes the sentence and the Judge merely sentences the convicted man to the number of years provided in the statutes, fixing the term at not less than the minimum provided in the statute and not more than the maximum.

For instance, if a man is convicted of voluntary manslaughter, the Judge does not fix the number of years he shall serve in the penitentiary. He has no option but to fix the sentence in that way, and the question of how long the convict shall serve rests with the Prison Commission. He may be released at the end of two years or he may have to serve twenty-one years, the latter sentence being imposed where the convict does not show signs of reformation.

To Redistrict the County.

Judge J. H. Hardwick has posted notices in different parts of the county which indicates that at the regular term of county court in August he will appoint three commissioners to redistrict the county into Magisterial districts. There seems to be a demand for another Magistrate in the eastern portion of the county, but the county must be dealt with as a whole when it is redistricted for Magistrates.

Will Locate in Missouri.

The Rev. R. A. McConagha has resigned the care of the Presbyterian church in this city, and has also severed his connection with the Stanton College and will locate in Missouri where he has a much better position. Prof. McConagha besides being a great teacher and minister of the Gospel, is a model citizen, enterprising, one who takes great interest in the advancement of city, county and state, and while Powell county is loath to give him up, the community that gets his services are to be congratulated, for he truly is a young man of rare talent, and of great worth to any city and county.

Twin Boys.

Born, to the wife of Dock Bryant, of Glancarian, June 15, twin boys. Mr. Bryant is the father of 12 children, the next youngest to the twins being 11 years old. The father is 52 years of age, and the mother 45. Mr. Bryant is a life-long Democrat, and has not been overlooked by the stork even in his old age.—Campton Courier.

A Relapse.

Grover Barnett, formerly of this county, is in a very bad condition at his home in Clark county. It will be remembered that he had a most serious attack of flux last fall and came near dying. It seems that Mr. Barnett never completely got over this trouble and is now suffering from it again.

Spectacles Lost.

Pair steel frame spectacles in heavy cardboard case. Lost somewhere in Clay City, Friday, June 17. Please return to this office.

That Ohio Outrage.

The state of Ohio stands disgraced before the world. The lynching of a young man—barely more than a boy—by a cowardly pack of blood-thirsty "citizens"—God save the mark!—at Newark, was one of the most brutal and wholly indefensible mob crimes of the many that have stained the records of that state. The young fellow, employed by the Anti-Saloon League with others, to serve warrants upon alleged illegal liquor sellers, was, according to newspaper accounts, pursued by a crowd of speak-easy patrons and sympathizers and handled roughly. In self defense, it appears, he shot one of his pursuers. But whether or not the shooting was justified, the fact remains that the victim of the lynching was in custody in the county jail, with no possibility of escape from the legal consequences of his act, when the mob of fiends broke into the prison, dragged him out and hanged him to a telephone pole.

It is fortunate that Ohio had a man of the calibre of Judson Harmon as Governor. Immediately upon news of the mob's crime reaching him, Governor Harmon left his vacation outing and started for the scene of the outrage. Instantly he instituted proceedings to make the ring-leaders in the lynching and those officials who, by failure to protect their prisoners, were parties to the crime, suffer for their anarchy. It is high time that an example should be made, that blood-lustful cowards who go to make up mobs and chicken-gizzard officials who bow in craven obedience to the worst elements of society shall have a lesson indelibly impressed upon them. Those responsible for the Newark crime are neither more nor less than deliberate murderers and must be treated as such unless our system of government is to be confessed a failure and law and order are to be supplanted by violence and anarchy.

W. R. Rhimfessel, of Independence, Mo., is visiting his brother, C. Shimfessel, and other relatives in the county.

The K. C. Ball team of Lexington and the local boys will cross bats on the home grounds Sunday.

Mrs. Robt. N. Bush has returned from a visit to relatives at Winchester.

Lost—Gold filled case watch on R. R. between depot and bridge at Clay City. Finder will be handsomely rewarded if he will return the watch to J. G. Rogers, Clay City.

H. W. Monroe.

Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey For Coughs and Colds.

When you are Ready for your Spring Suit...

We are ready for you. The new spring styles we are showing in men's and young men's suits will appeal to the most critical and exacting dresser.

It will pay you to see the excellent range of styles, patterns and colors we are showing. We have clothing that is appropriate for men in every walk of life. Come in and glance through—you will appreciate the grace, drape, style and excellence of fit and finish.

We are showing a splendid line of Men's Spring Suits.

The fabrics were tested and well selected—much care given to the cutting and making—the fit and finish will stand the closest scrutiny. We honestly believe them the finest garments in the State, and you'll agree with us once you see them.



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